

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 28th, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday October 28th, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was held at City Hall in the Council Chambers and on Zoom.

Present: Mayor Ken Williams
Council Member Terry Schuster
Council Member Melanie Cozzi
Council Member Tim Krug
Council Member Josiah Flanagan
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Police Chief Matt Kalnins
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Also Present: Bill Covell, John Dickson, Earleen Hinton, Kevin Most and family and friends.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Council Members Cozzi, Krug, Flanagan, Schuster, and Mayor Williams answered roll call. A quorum was present.

City Clerk Cheryl Hilton started the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation

None.

Proclamations, Commendations, Swear In, Etc.

Mayor Ken Williams swore in Kevin Most as a police officer and detective for the City of Oregon. Chief of Police Matt Kalnins said Kevin brings a lot of experience and skill to the department. Mayor Ken Williams said he is well recognized in the community.

Public Comment

John Dickson asked why the name plates for the City Attorney and the Chief of Police did not have their names on them.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve October 14th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$61,932.00 and the current warrants as listed:

a5 Branding & Digital	\$1,150.00
Advanced Automation & Controls	\$2,050.56
Amazon Capital Services, Inc	\$1,093.06
Ancel Glink, P.C.	\$110.00

Anne's Landscape Supply	\$2,639.89
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$20,732.68
Bonnell Industries	\$5,400.00
Boot Barn Lockbox	\$549.12
Casper's Home Inspection	\$1,550.00
Carreno Landscaping	\$375.00
Cintas	\$150.85
City of Oregon	\$5,500.00
Comcast	\$934.40
Comcast	\$1,032.60
ComEd	\$331.23
ComEd	\$609.78
Conserve FS Inc.	\$141.49
Dixon Autobody Clinic	\$1,640.86
Ecolab	\$150.00
EM Benefits	\$1,760.37
Fehr Graham	\$253.66
Fehr Graham	\$1,630.75
Fehr Graham	\$5,400.00
Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$215.27
Fischer's	\$1,110.72
Frontier	\$107.48
Hach Company	\$73.55
Hawkins	\$385.20
Hazel's Café	\$675.00
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police	\$130.00
Illinois Municipal League	\$107,504.64
Illinois State Police	\$17.00
J. Carlson Growers, Inc	\$720.00
Jacob & Klein, LTD	\$764.65
Lifelock Technologies	\$49.43
Locis	\$136.00
Menards	\$9.99
Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers	\$11,400.00
Metropolitan Industries Inc	\$744.00
Nicor	\$63.10
Ogle County Clerk & Recorder	\$73.00
Postmaster	\$824.11
Postmaster	\$20.96
Quill	\$463.20
Quinn Rothermel	\$20.00
Sterling Environmental LLC	\$700.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$4,047.16
Sun Life Financial	\$415.51
Sutton Ford	\$48,962.00

The Economic Development Group	\$3,058.60
Visa	\$4,995.99
Willetts Hofmann & Associates	\$17,361.55
	\$260,234.41

Seconded by Council Member Josiah Flanagan.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Ordinances

None.

Resolutions

None.

Motions

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the Proposal for Oregon East Side Drainage Analysis with Fehr Graham in the amount of \$40,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city and authorize the expense of TIF funds up to \$40,000.00, Seconded by Council Member Terry Schuster.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said this project is part of the long-range plan. It is not in the capital budget, however TIF funds can be used. The proposal from Fehr Graham will provide a fresh analysis.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Council Member Josiah Flanagan moved to approve the proposal provided by Steve Benesh and Sons in the amount of \$36,780.00 for the Demolition of the property located at 131 S. 3rd Street and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the city, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Discussion: Martin and Company Excavating and Steve Benesh and Sons both submitted proposals for the demolition of 131 S. The proposal from Steve Beneash and Sons was about two thousand dollars cheaper. The Oregon Fire Department has been using the property for training and will continue to do so until the demolition.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Discussion Items

None.

Committee Reports

Planning: Public Hearing for zoning change request.

Economic and Community Development: Mayor Ken Williams will be attending and presenting at the Main Street seminar and the IIRA in February. City Manager Darin DeHaan said things that have been done through the current administration are getting recognized. Council Member Terry Schuster said the city was recommended by others to do these presentations.

Finance: Major fund balances have been reported to the City Council, and the Treasurers Report has been published.

Tree Board: Tree City USA application has been approved at the state level. There is still work to be done for the city to qualify for the growth award.

Public Art Commission: Continue to work on city entrance signs.

Department Reports

Police Chief Matt Kalnins: The new squads are being worked on. The department hopes to have them in service in the next couple of weeks. He also thanked City Clerk Cheryl Hilton for her help with a recent project.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Public Works will be picking up the leaf vac this week. Collection of leaves will begin next week. The schedule will be on the city website and signs with QR codes will be made. He said sticks should not be included in the leaf piles and leaves should be placed next to the curb. Leaves collected during pickup will go to a farmer's field. The new leaf vac should be completed by August of 2026.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: He said SNAP benefits will be affected with the government shutdown. He asked the City Council to consider using ARPA funds to help support local food pantries. The City Council discussed spreading the funds out amongst multiple organizations.

Council Reports

Council Member Tim Krug: Trick or Treating event in the downtown went well.

Mayor Ken Williams: Glad to see the police department fully staffed.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to go into Executive Session at 5:54 pm. to discuss an update on pending court cases, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Flanagan, Krug, Schuster, Williams. No Nays.

Adjourn: 6:22 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk